

## MEMORANDUM

To: James B. Salscheider

From: Attorney Susan M. LaCrosse

RE: Pagel's Ponderosa Dairy, LLC / WPDES Permit No. 0059374-04-0

CC: John J. Pagel and David C. LaCrosse

Date: June 11, 2020

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1. **Name, address, phone number for responsible parties.**

Pagel's Ponderosa Dairy, LLC  
John J. ("JJ") Pagel and David C. LaCrosse  
N4893 County Road C  
Kewaunee, Wisconsin 54216  
920-493-0879 or 920-255-1526, respectively

2. **Sketch of the site or map with relevant features labeled; flow path, sumps, berms, pumping areas, etc.**

See attached map.

3. **Duration of spill: When it was first discovered, when cleanup efforts were started and when cleanup efforts were concluded.**

A fire was identified at approximately 2:16 a.m. on June 6, 2020 in the dryer building which houses the biosolids used for bedding animals at the dairy. The fire department was promptly called thereafter and arrived on the scene at about 2:37 a.m. The firefighters worked expeditiously to diffuse the fire with the use of water. Dave LaCrosse arrived on the scene at approximately 2:50 a.m. and identified where the water from the firefighters was flowing towards. Dave obtained approximately five yards of gravel and placed it in the ditch area to cover the outlet where the water was ponding to ensure none of the biosolids from within the building flowed through the culvert into the neighboring wetland. The runoff from the firefighters remained in the ditch area and no biosolids leached into the neighboring wetland. Cleanup efforts of the ditch were started and concluded later that morning after firefighters left the scene.

4. **A description of conditions that led to the spill occurring.**

A fire occurred in the dryer building which houses the biosolids used for bedding the animals at the dairy. In order to put out the fire, firefighters had to arrive on the scene and diffuse it with the use of water.

5. **A description of cleanup and containment actions, including approximate dates and times.**

After the firefighters left the scene, an employee of Pagel's Ponderosa Dairy, LLC started the process of vacuuming the pooled water from the ditch. The employee started at approximately 8 a.m. on June 6, 2020 and completed the cleanup by 9 a.m. that morning.

6. **Photos of cleanup activities or impacted areas post-cleanup.**

See attached photos.

7. **An estimate of the amount of liquid recovered, or billing logs from the pumping companies if they use a per gallon/load billing system.**

Approximately 6,000 gallons of liquid was removed from the ditch area by an employee of Pagel's Ponderosa Dairy, LLC.

8. **A description of where reclaimed liquid was taken (e.g. which manure pit(s) it was taken to or which field(s) it was applied on including rate, method of application, etc.).**

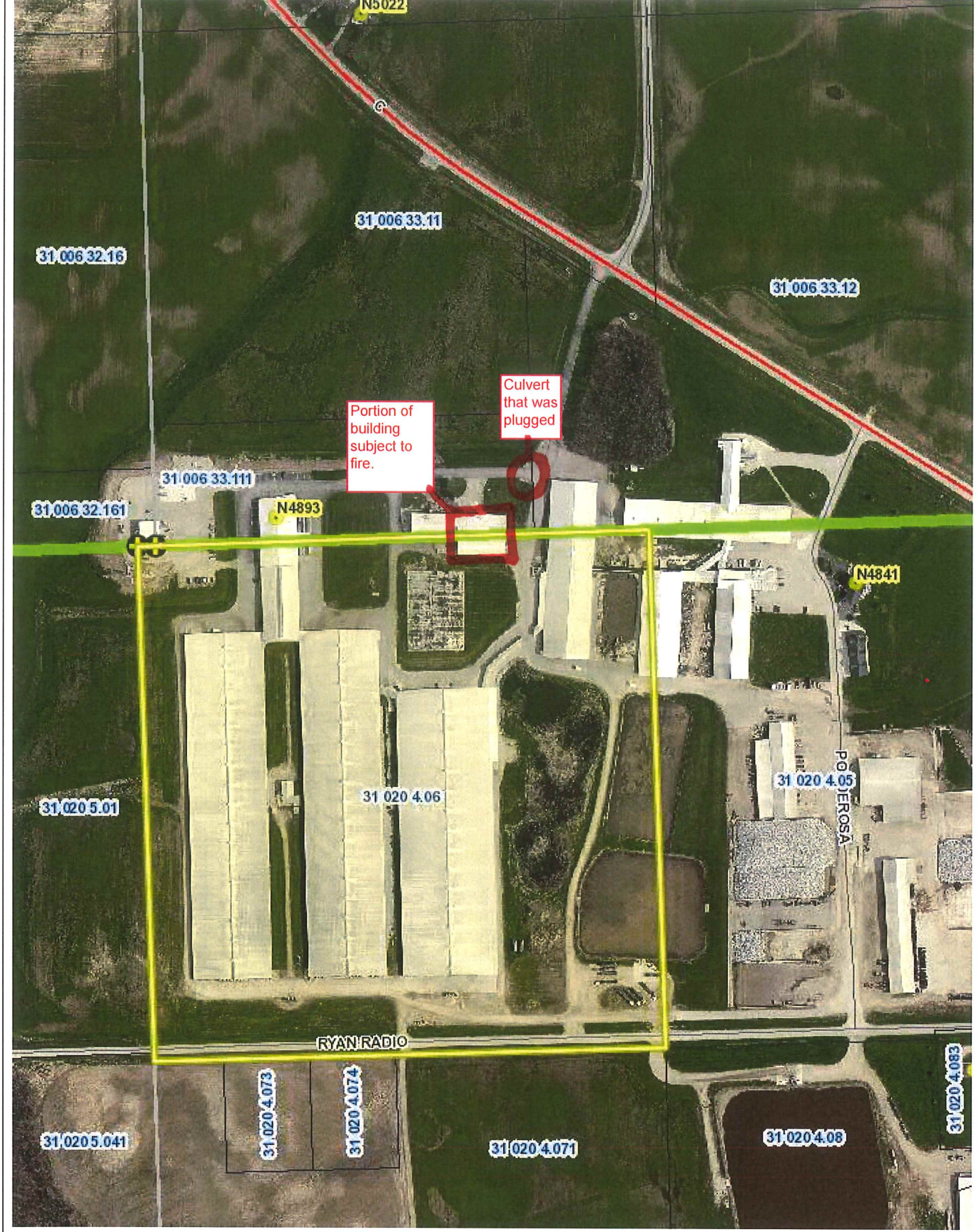
The reclaimed water was dumped into lagoon 1.

9. **A confirmation that any temporary berms, sumps, or other structures placed in public right-of-way have been returned to their original state.**

See attached photos.

10. **A description of proposed actions/changes to prevent future similar incidents.**

The fire is currently under investigation; however, the dairy is considering other alternatives to plug the culverts which are easily assessable to firefighters or other individuals first on the scene to minimize the possibility of any runoff going into neighboring waterways or swamps.



## Kewaunee County GIS

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SCALE: 1" = 338 '



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**Salscheider, James B - DNR**

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**To:** Susan LaCrosse













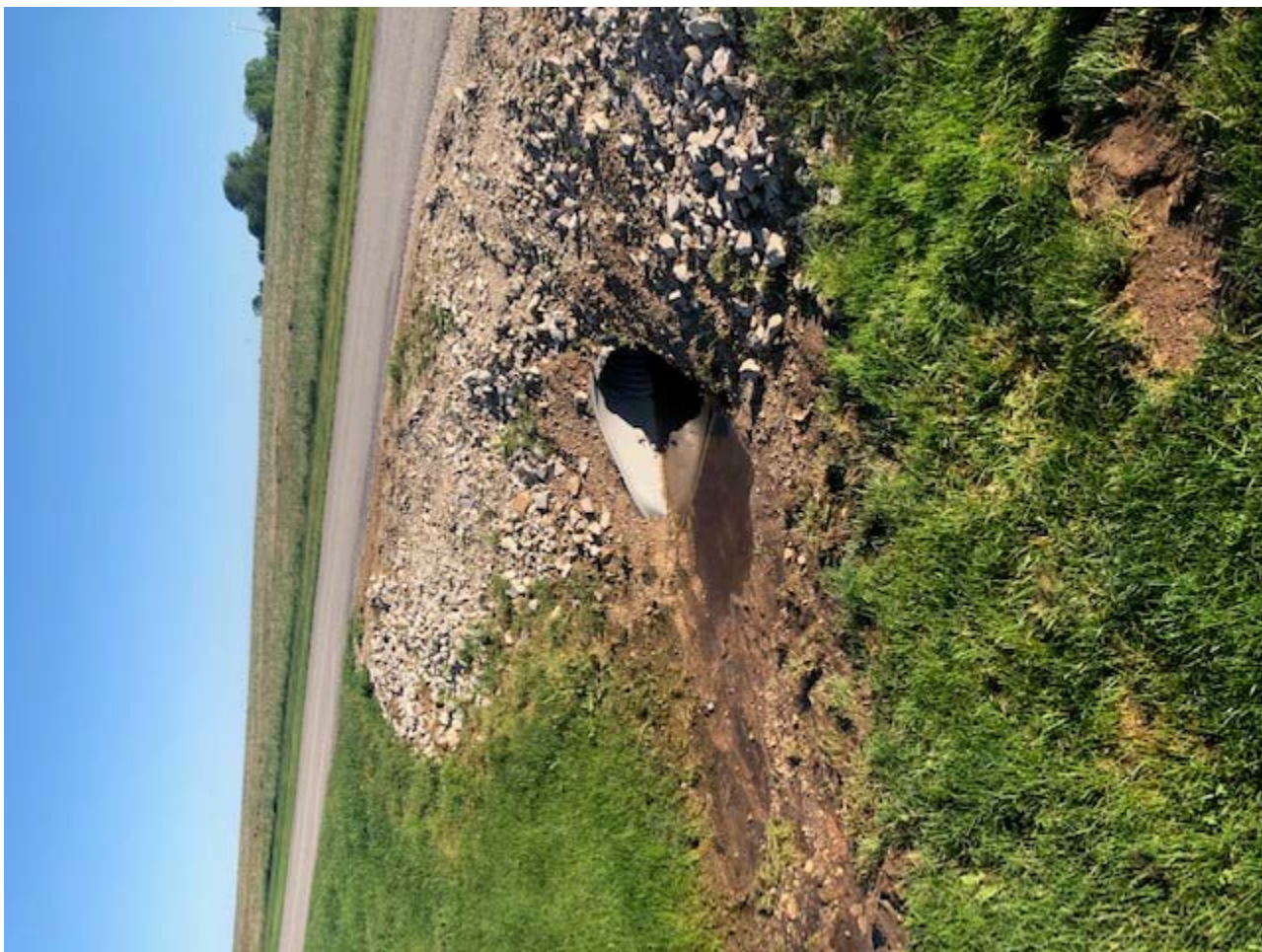












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